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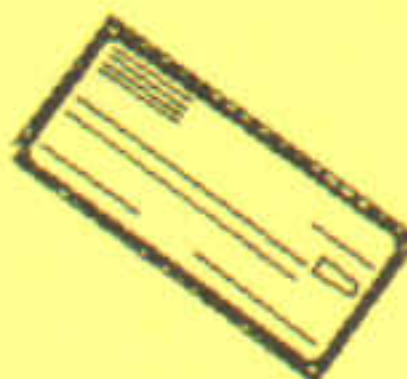


In its recent meetings, the Steering Committee has been considering the first draft of report of the Committee on Criteria Section II: Institutional Purpose.

The Steering Committee also has received and has under consideration a draft of a new history of Shelton State, which is to be included in the introductory section of the self-study report.

TRAVEL CHECK PICK UP

Richard McCracken, Dean of Business Services, has announced that travel checks can be picked up from the Business Office on the 1st and the 16th of each month. According to Mr. McCracken, checks will be ready at 8:00 a.m. on those days.



STANLEY HONORED
AT STATE ABE CONFERENCE

On Friday, July 16, at the recent Adult Basic Education (ABE) state conference, Phyllis Stanley, the ABE instructor at Shelton State, was named State Teacher of the Year.

In addition to teaching adult basic ed for Shelton, Phyllis works in the same capacity for the Tuscaloosa County schools as well. Phyllis also works with Shelton State in the Cad-Link program at Phifer Wire Company.

We have long known that Phyllis is a special person. It is great to have that recognized across the state.

Congratulations, Phyllis Stanley.

SHELTON CO-SPONSOR
OF NIF TRAINING INSTITUTE



Shelton State is a co-sponsor with The University of Alabama of a National Issues Forum (NIF) Leadership Training Institute to be held at the Paul W. Bryant Conference Center during August 11-13, 1993.

The NIF Leadership Training Institute is a comprehensive training program for citizens interested in learning how to organize and lead forums using the NIF model.

ADN PROGRAM SUCCESS

According to data produced recently by the Department of Associate Degree Nursing, since 1983, one hundred per cent (100%) of the graduates of the ADN mobility program have passed the Alabama State Board of Nursing licensure examination.



In six of the ten years in the study, this perfect passing rate was achieved by Shelton graduates the first time that they took the licensure exam.

In four of the ten years under study, a small number of graduates did not pass the examination on their first try at the exam but did pass it on a subsequent attempt. In three of these four years when a perfect passing rates was not achieved, ninety-six per cent (96%)



ADN Success (continued):

of those who took the exam the first time passed. The lowest first-time passing rate eighty-eight per cent (88%).

In six of the ten years under study, **one hundred per cent (100%)** of the graduates of the ADN program were employed in field after they graduated. In each of the other four years, over ninety per cent (90%) of the graduates were employed in field.

This is a truly excellent record of achievement. Our congratulations go to **Mary Ann Pearson**, Director of the ADN Nursing Program, to the members of the ADN faculty and, of course, to the ADN students themselves who created such an outstanding record of accomplishment.

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NEW OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FORMS

The out-of-state travel request forms have been revised.

Please be advised that xerox copies of the form **are not acceptable**. In other words, out-of-state travel requests must be on **an original form**. They also must be **typewritten**.

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NEWS FROM POSTSECONDARY

Ms. Ramona Franklin joined the staff of the Department of Postsecondary Education on June 1, 1993, as Coordinator for Student Services.

Ms. Franklin earned a master's degree in counseling and human development from Troy State University. Prior to joining the Postsecondary staff, she was employed by Alabama State University as Coordinator of the Learning Enrichment Assistance Program.

As Coordinator for Student Services, Ms. Franklin is responsible for encouraging, implementing, and assisting in professional development activities as well as providing technical assistance to student services personnel in the Alabama College System.

**Shoals Implements
Telephone Registration**



Shoals Community College (SCC) has become the first college in the Alabama College System to implement voice registration.

SCC is using a three-quarter phase-in process. During the 1993 Spring Quarter students were able to use their touch-tone telephones to register for classes. Nearly **800** students registered from their home or work telephone during the two-day piloting of the new system.

After a "Name the System Contest" sponsored by the SCC Student Government Association, the telephone registration system became known as **"STAR,"** Shoals Telephone Alternative Registration.

System Pilots Graduate Follow-Up



The Alabama College System has sponsored a Graduate Follow-Up Project which is designed to produce information on graduates of colleges in the Alabama College System. The Pilot Study of this project involved graduates during the years 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 for selected institutions. Shoals Community College, Enterprise State Junior College, Drake State Technical College, Bessemer State Technical College, Wallace Community



System News (continued):

College-Selma, and Wallace Community College-Hanceville participated in the Pilot Study.

The study surveyed degree, certificate and diploma graduates from the Pilot Study schools. 5,086 surveys were mailed, and 980 were returned. Eight senior institutions provided transfer information, and a cooperative agreement between the Department of Postsecondary Education and the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations allowed the tracking of graduate employment.

Some of the results of the Pilot Study were as follows:

- 32.1 average age of graduates
- 63.8% female graduates
- 71.3% attended classes full-time
- 71.4% attended day classes
- 95.3% fully/somewhat achieved their goals for attending
- 95.4% were very satisfied/satisfied with the colleges and their services
- 60.9% received two-year degrees
- 64.8% continued their education
- 79.6% rated their preparation for additional college work excellent/good
- 78.9% reported no problems in transferring
- 72.6% currently employed
- 57.7% found jobs directly related/somewhat related to their areas of study
- 46.7% earn in excess of \$15,000 annually
- 91.1% employed within a 50-mile radius of their residences
- 89.1% indicated they were prepared for their first jobs
- 78.0% very satisfied/satisfied with their current jobs

The results of this Pilot Project

are very positive and support the conclusion that the "Alabama College System has done an excellent job of preparing its graduates for employment and higher education."

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**TRANSFERS TO TROY STATE:
A SMALL SUCCESS STORY**



During 1992-1993, three Shelton State students transferred to Troy State University in Troy, Alabama.

Each of these three students had begun their college education at an institution other than Shelton, i.e. they were all three transfers to Shelton State, one from the University, one from Walker College (Jasper), and one from Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College (Andalusia).

The three students had earned a combined GPA of 2.04 on the hours which they transferred to Shelton State.

While at Shelton State, the combined GPA of the three students improved considerably. On the hours taken at Shelton State, the three students earned an overall GPA of 2.65.

During their first year at Troy State, the three Shelton State transfers took a total of twenty-one (21) courses and improved their combined GPA further. During their first year at Troy, the three students earned a combined GPA of 2.85.



No transfer shock here, folks. Quite the opposite. For these three students, in terms of GPA at least, the Shelton State experience seems to have been a "value added" one from all perspectives.



Troy Transfers (continued):

While at Shelton State, the three students attempted and earned twelve (12), eighteen (18) and sixty-five (65) hours respectively. The student who earned sixty-five (65) hours also earned an AS degree.

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NEW EMPLOYEES

Four individuals will be joining the SSCC faculty in staff as new employees or former employees in a new capacity.

SHELIA NICHOLS: Shelia will come on board as an instructor in the new lawn and turf management program. Shelia has owned and operated her own successful landscape business for over ten years and also has taught landscape courses for the West Central Alabama Skills Center. Shelia and her family reside in Eppes, Alabama.



PAT OCHOA: Although Pat has been employed with the SSCC for the past two years, she has been hired in a permanent full-time position with the Wellness Center. Ms. Ochoa will assist in the development of the wellness curriculum and with classroom instruction. Pat has her baccalaureate and her MA from the U of A and almost ten years of experience in wellness/adult fitness.



ANGELA LAPORTE: Ms. LaPorte will join the SSCC faculty as a commercial art instructor. Angela has a BA from the State University of New York at Oswego and her master's degree in education from the State University of New York. She has ten years experience as a commercial artist



and art teacher. Angela will be in charge of developing and teaching in the SSCC certificate program in commercial art.

MIKE AARON: Although he has toiled hard at SSCC for the past few semesters, Mike Aaron will join the faculty this Fall in a new capacity, as full-time instructor of biology. Mike just finished his master's degree in biology at the UA.



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ANOTHER ONE FOR DR. FANG

Dr. C. C. Fang has been selected to participate in a **National Science Foundation** supported physics workshop on **Microcomputer-Based Laboratories** for community colleges. The workshop will be held on July 15-17, 1993, at San Jose City College, San, Jose, California.

The workshop will bring together two-year college physics educators from all over the country. They will work on computer systems and materials designed to help two-year college students develop a stronger understanding of physics. As a result, Dr. Fang will bring back to Shelton State the most current information and the latest developments in the effective use of microcomputer technology in physics.

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MARSHA STOCK RESIGNS

Marsha Stock, instructor of biology, has resigned from the faculty of SSCC to pursue her research interests in aquatic ecology under the direction of Robert Wetzel at the University of Alabama. According to Marsha, Wetzel is "the most renowned aquatic ecologist in the world."

We are sorry to see Marsha go, but we wish her all the best in her new endeavors.